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Missing Elderly Woman Located in Good Health

71-year-old woman had been missing for over a day

A 71-year-old woman, who was last seen walking out of her residence in Fulton on Saturday afternoon, was located today in the area of Rt. 495 and Connecticut Avenue in Bethesda, Md.

Sun I. Kim was transported by ambulance to Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville where she is currently being treated for unknown, but minor, medical issues. She is otherwise in apparent good health.

Ms. Kim, of the 8100 block of Brookwood Farm Road in Fulton, was last seen by family members yesterday afternoon between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Family members reported her missing to police after she failed to return home after taking a walk.

Due to the fact that Ms. Kim speaks no English, police detectives are unsure how she spent the past day. Once an interpreter arrives at the hospital, investigators will be able to communicate with Ms. Kim to determine her whereabouts since 1:00 p.m. yesterday.

Approximately 50 search and rescue personnel assisted the Howard County Police Department in the search for Ms. Kim. Additionally, approximately 10 canine dogs and four horses were also used in the search. Specially-trained members and volunteers came from numerous groups, including: Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, Montgomery County Police Department, Maryland National Capitol Park Police, Chesapeake Search and Rescue Dog Association, Mid-Atlantic Dogs, Maryland Search and Rescue, Trail Riders of Today Search and Rescue (equestrian unit), Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), and the Maryland State Police.

All-terrain vehicles from several agencies, boats from WSSC and the Howard County Police Department's helicopter, Air 30, also assisted in the search.

Additional details will be forthcoming as they are developed.